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Kernan Welcomes Furniture Distribution Center to Central Indiana

PLAINFIELD—The Bombay Company Inc., one of North America's premier retailers of furniture and home decorative products, will establish a new distribution center in Plainfield, Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today.

The facility, which is the latest of several 21st century logistics facilities recently established in central Indiana, will create 60 new jobs by 2006. Located in the Plainfield Business Park, the new \$5.2 million, 300,000 square-foot facility, will serve as a Midwest distribution center for the company's home furniture and décor items.

"This development is a victory not only for Hendricks County, but for Indiana as a whole," said Kernan, who, as director of the Indiana Department of Commerce, leads the state's economic development efforts. "Companies like Bombay are a symbol of our state's solid infrastructure and workforce, and we know those strengths will help ensure a bright future for Bombay."

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, Bombay operates more than 420 retail stores throughout the United States and Canada. The company also markets its products through mail order business and over the Internet. Bombay products include wood and metal ready-to-assemble bedroom, living room, dining room and home office furniture, as well as occasional pieces and a variety of interior accessories.

"Bombay looks forward to joining the Plainfield business community," said Susann Mayo, vice president of Logistics and Distribution for Bombay. "For us, this is a great location geographically and with the right support and work force. It will serve our stores and customers well and be critical to our growth as a company."

To secure the project, the Indiana Department of Commerce worked with the Hendricks County Partnership, awarding \$250,000 in Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) tax credits over a seven-year period. Commerce has also committed to working with the company to secure future grants through its Skills Enhancement Fund. In addition, the town of Plainfield is offering a 10-year property tax abatement, and will assist the company in the recruitment of personnel.

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Bombay joins a host of 21st century logistics companies that have chosen to locate or expand in central Indiana in recent months, including GENCO, Case New Holland, USCO Logistics, Guitar Centers, CertainTeed, Whirlpool, HomeGoods and Belkin.

“We are pleased to welcome Bombay Company to Hendricks County,” said Harold Gutzwiller, executive director of the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership. “We are fast becoming the state’s leader in the logistics world, and the Bombay facility will help us continue to steer in that direction. It’s another partnership between state and local officials and it’s another great win for Plainfield.”

The Indiana Department of Commerce awards Skills Enhancement Fund grants to Indiana companies that undertake capital investment projects. The grants help defray the costs of training new and existing employees in transferable and company-specific skills necessary to support these projects. The EDGE program, which provides tax credits to first-time businesses and businesses that expand in Indiana, was created to foster new investments, business expansion and job creation throughout the state.

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